

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**



Applicants: Richard S. NORMAN et al.

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**For: CELL-BASED SWITCH FABRIC WITH DISTRIBUTED  
ARBITRATION**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents

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**Alexandria VA 22313-1450**

Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows and re-examine the application in view of the amendments and remarks provided. A petition for extension of time is being submitted concurrently herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.